



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2010**  
**6:00-8:00 PM\***  
**Council Chambers- Town Hall**

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), J. Goldman, J. Higham, P. Braithwaite, A. Lapsis, G. Bent (Chair), S. Baxter (staff), MJ Newman, J. Stoughton (Chair), S. Daley, L. Holle, C. Guerreri  
 REGRETS: D. McLaughlin, T. Berthelot, L. Young, V. Fry, J. Greene

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
<b>Actions Needed</b>	<p><b>-Welcome:</b> J. Stoughton called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.</p> <p><b>-Adopt Minutes of April 7, 2010</b></p>	The minutes of the April 7th meeting were adopted as written.
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>-Week of the Young Child-</b>Report on events and participation- change in times and location for next year: J. Stoughton reported that her experience was mixed; feeling that this was related to the week not being during school vacation week. Some feedback that the calendar was confusing. Suggestion that this be moved to school vacation week next year. J. Goldman got some information from other towns, and suggests that we look at this for ideas, and look for large activities that are not necessarily located at Centers. Suggestion that this could be modeled after the “artists open studio” concept.</p> <p><b>-Work/Life Expo-</b>Report on event: J. Goldman and J. Higham represented MAC. There was very little interest among participants; not parents of young children. J. Higham felt that this presented good networking opportunities with providers. S. Daley was there for Willow House, and reported that there were not many people looking for early care. L. Holle suggested identifying events at UConn for graduate students that might attract parents of young children.</p> <p><b>-Downtown Partnership Design Meeting-</b> Report on meeting and moving forward: J. Higham reported on the meeting that she attended with G. Bent. The committee was looking for suggestions on infrastructure, programming and amenities. There was some need to provide background information that was previously provided. G. Bent got a call from Cynthia Van Zelm expressing support and requesting written recommendations for a June 15 meeting.</p>	<p>Next year focus more on Center-based activities. Start planning in January for next year.</p> <p>Plan on attending this event next year. L. Holle will research putting MAC brochures in the Center for International Students.</p> <p>Attempt to form strategic alliances with members who are more supportive about the inclusion of a playground. Provide written recommendations; J. Higham will provide a</p>

	<p><b>-School Building Forum:</b> G. Bent reported on the forum; members acknowledged Gloria's contributions to this. Feedback that was received was positive. If this goes to a referendum they will offer another forum. This is still being aired on Channel 13.</p> <p>The Family Fun In Mansfield flyer is now available and is in the process of being distributed.</p>	personal statement for the Partnership's Annual Report.
UPDATE on Ongoing Business	<p><b>-Option 1 Decision:</b> C. Guerreri reported that by mid-May we will receive more feedback on our application. We will also receive guidelines, reporting requirements, etc. Graustein was able to fund more communities than originally anticipated.</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Suggestion that there needs to be clarity regarding how the plan has been updated, changed, and how the timeline, strategies, and strategy implementation guidelines align with each other. The timeline needs to be revised based on these changes. We need to build on this as an ongoing system to see if we are having impact. We need to work on getting a data system into place so that we can track what we are doing and how we are measuring the impact. How do we build this into collecting data that shows that we are achieving our result? Always need to be collecting data to determine how well we are doing. We need to hire a consultant who will work with us in setting up this data system. Suggestions about how to best graphically present where we are on the timeline. S. Baxter asked about surveying on transportation needs, and whether or not it makes sense to do this with current library patrons. Teams need to develop action steps for the prioritized strategies that have been identified.</p>	
New Team Business	<p><b>Team Work</b></p> <p><b>-Develop questions</b> from your team for the Survey that the community connectedness team is doing; review Indicators, Strategies and Data Chart to ensure that all teams are following the plan: No discussion.</p>	
Adjournment/ Next Meeting	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.</p> <p>-Next meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 2010, -Town Hall, Council Chambers-Any suggestions for that agenda, send to Sandy <a href="mailto:Baxtersp@mansfieldct.org">Baxtersp@mansfieldct.org</a></p>	

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Grunwald